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# British and Italians Battling London Suffers On Broad Front in West Egypt; Wide Damagein Greeks Press Retreating Enemy All-Night Raid

#### 500 Prisoners Taken In Engagement, Says **English Command**

BACKGROUND-

Action between Italians and British in Western Egyptian the Fascists entered the war last June. Italian troops have driven about 70 miles into Egyptian territory, but halted there, confronted with serious difficulties of supplying their army if they moved farther.

By the Assoc ated Press.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 9.-British Western Egyptian desert and have cries of "On to Valona! taken 500 prisoners in an engagement south of Sidi Barrani, the British African command declared This indicated the longawaited battle of Egypt may have started, breaking a three-month

This front has long been dormant, with the British apparently content to prevent the Italians from driving further into Egypt from Sidi Barrani. 70 miles inside the western frontier.

The action was described as be- Great Fires Started tween British "advance elements"

and the Italians. The Italians, under Marshal Ro-dolfo Graziani, drove across the Libyan-Egyptian frontier early in the Italian-British conflict and marched along the coast to Sidi Barrani with little opposition. From there they have made little important progress for the last three months.

#### Text of Communique.

The British communique said: "In the western desert, advanced elements of our forces are now in contact with the enemy on a broad

"In an engagement south of Sidi Barrani we captured 500 prisoners. among buildings between two of the 'The Sudan: Last night our patrols continued extensive activities in the Gallabat area, while our artillery again successfully engaged Ministry news service said today.

"Other fronts, nothing to report." air attacks last night in which, the British authorities declare they Air Ministry said, R. A. F. bombers are ready for any Fascist offensive also raided industrial and military in Egypt if that is what Premier targets in the Duesseldorf area of Mussolini's changes in the Italian Germany, the subzmarine base at the high command mean. (The com- French Atlantic port of Lorient, the munique did not indicate which side harbors of Brest. Flushing. Dunwas on the offensive, British or

So far apparently, Marshal Graziani has been reluctant to risk an offensive, with the necessity of moving supplies—especially water over poor road communications, against Britain's well - organized transport system, including a railroad to their front lines.

#### Lack of Power Shown.

Although overwhelmingly superior to the British in manpower and material, foreign observers say, the first months of the war in the Mediterranean have shown Italy lacking any striking power like Germany's. Had Mussolini struck at the time

of the French collapse he might hat had easier going, in their view. But now, they say, his holding back has enabled Britain to increase her strength greatly.

Occupation of the 70-mile strip into Egypt has been the Italians' main achievement in North Africa so far. They are said to have moved six divisions into the area, built roads, a water supply system and supply bases.

An army of six divisions means from 72,000 to 90,000 men. (In London, the Air Ministry

news service reported an R. A. F bombardment of a large number of Italian warplanes at Benina airdrome in the western desert and said it believed many were damaged. One hangar was "completely burned out" and fires were started in three others, it said.

(Extensive damage also was re-

ported in a Saturday raid on Castel Benito, near the Liban port or Tripoli, and other British air forces were said to have struck widely in Italian East Africa.) The three-month stalemate has resulted in eagerness for action among the assembled British, Australian, New Zealand, Polish and French soldiers. Greek victories in Albania have enhanced this spirit. This is a typical comment from one of the Australians, generally considered to be the toughest of Britain's desert troops: "We came 7,000 miles to fight the Italians and here we are sitting around for

Fear Troops Will Go Stale. If the deadlock continues through the winter there are fears the sol-

pelting the entire area with hundreds of incendiaries. diers may "go stale." "Flames blazed up in one factory On the other hand, since the long after our aircraft had gone British plans in Egypt have been defensive rather than offensive, and craft had discharged its load of moving far from supply bases inincendiaries, three violent explo-(See CAIRO, Page A-13.) sions were observed among fires

#### N. B. C. and C. B. S. Units Damaged in London Raid of the fires had taken firm hold."

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-London ofnces of both the National Broadeasting Co. and the Columbia Broadcasting System were damaged by bombs in German raids on the

spondent, told in a trans-Atlantic broadcast today of finding his London office "in ruins" when he returned to it this morning.

It was the second time since the aerial warfare against Britain start-

ed that Columbia's office had been John McVane, N. B. C.'s London

pounded fiercely at Duesseldorf. The biggest fire British fivers have broadcast that bombs which fell started in the bombing of Duesselnearby "smashed windows in our office, broke furniture and disrupted our communication line,"

The official Germans news agency and a low destruction at intervals, like nery nower pots in a Fourth of July celebration, and high explosives came roaring at dusk, beginning at dusk, beginning at dusk, after to complete the destruction. Broken glass and shell fragments

The official Germans news agency of 34 degrees tonight was predicted. Yesterday's high temperature was on the same city last Wednesday.

Some cloudiness today and a low of 34 degrees tonight was predicted. Yesterday's high temperature was on the same city last Wednesday.

Broken glass and shell fragments

The official Germans news agency of 34 degrees tonight was predicted. Yesterday's high temperature was more than 50 degrees.

Cross-Word Puzzle.

## Fierce Fighting Is Reported On Line North of Argirocastro

'On to Valona' Is Hellenes' War Cry; Cavalry and Planes Spur Fascist Flight

treat of the main Fascist body to the north and west.

With Argirocastro, last of Italy's Southern Albanian bases behind

Valona, next Albanian sea gateway for Italian supplies in the abandoned artillery. Greek path, is about 40 miles northand south. Their goal, shouted as Albania's Italian-held territory. a battle slogan, is "Tirana by Christmas!" Tirana is Albania's capital.

In Raid on Bordeaux,

Targets Also Declared

Attacked by Bombers

**British Report** 

enemy airdromes.

Bordeaux "Heavily Attacked."

A bulletin amplifying the com-

peated target of recent R. A. F.

forays, said a "concentrated attack"

was made on the German city and

clouted Duesseldorf good and hard.'

(An Associated Press corre-

Wilhelm

spondent, flown from Berlin to

Duesseldorf today in Reichs-

Goering's plane, said he saw no

evidence, either from the air or

the ground, that Germany's sec-

ond most important steel center

had been crippled by British

bombs Saturday and Sunday

Shower of Crimson Sparks.

"At Lorient," the news service said

sticks of bombs were distributed

across docks and storehouses and one

"A great blue flash was seen, too,

"Brest was lit up soon after the

raid began by the flare of a burning

dockside building. The roof fell in

and pilots overhead could see the

Other bombs, the Air Ministry

the naval barracks and drydocks.

Steel Works Blasted.

many small ones as following the

"Our aircraft then crowded in,

Two minutes after one air

dropping their heavy bombs ac-

curately on the steel works and

Pilots stated that from 30 to 4

miles away it was plain that many

The report also said one British

plane, after bombing the steel

works, dive-bombed a supply train

and machine-gunned it from a

Two Planes Missing.

planes were missing after the at-

that two British bombers were

Saturday night British bombers

attacked Lorient, Antwerp, Dun-

several persons were killed.)

The ministry said two British

height of 50 feet.

first bomb bursts and continued:

flames reflected in the water.'

bomb burst threw up a shower of

Hermann

marshal

nights.)

crimson sparks.

"great destruction" observed.

Duesseldorf Area

Capture of Argirocastro yesterday, ATHENS, Dec. 9.-Fierce fighting two days after the fall of Italy's beyond Argirocastro was reported southernmost Albanian port, Porto today between Greece's advancing Edda, touched off a three-day celearmy and the Italian rearguard, bration. Rather than by direct strongly entrenched to cover the re- assault, it was disclosed, the inland base was occupied after it had been

Part of the city had been burned forces have made contact with the them, Greek soldiers launched into by the Italians before they fled, Italians "on a broad front" in the the new, swift followup attack with but the amount of captured war material was said to be enormous and to include 12 full batteries of

ing the Italians to withdraw.

After six weeks of fighting, the west of Argirocastro. About mid- Greeks have driven the Italian inway on that line lies Tepelini, a vaders completely from their soil road junction, toward which the and pushed their own counter-Greeks are fighting from the east invasion across about 20 per cent of The exact position of the Greek

(See GREEK, Page A-8.)

## **British Cruiser Holds** Nazi Ship Idarwald, **Navy Declares**

Freighter Is Seized After Attempt to Scuttle Her, Sources Here Assert

The Navy Department said today LONDON, Dec. 9.- A great fire was the German freighter Idarwald was in possession of the British cruiser Diomede after an unsuccessful atdock basins in the German-held tempt to run the British blockade French port of Bordeaux, the Air from Mexico

Navy sources said the British warship seized the Idarwald after the This was part of farflung British cials declined today to discuss any further details. Earlier, conflicting reports from

Havana had left in doubt the ultimate fate of the vessel, which sailed o Mexico November from Tampico kerque and Gravelines and "several The Cuban Navy said the ship was reported sinking after being tor-

pedoed, the crew escaping in small munique said Bordeaux was "heavliy attacked" by planes of the coastal In London, British official circles command and the raids on Brest and declined comment on the Idarwild "incident," but one informed ob-Lorient were the second within 24 server said the United States Navy Department report that the Ger-British bomber pilots returning man merchantman had been capfrom the raid on Duesseldorf, re-

> torpedoed Fate of Crew Not Known.

The Air Ministry news service The fate of the crew was not quoted one flyer as saying, "We known and the Cuban Navy Department said it had no reports from the south coast to indicate the men had reached safety. The Cuban molasses tanker Mambi. south of the Isle of Pines, sad she was en route to help if possible. Cuban officials meanwhile awaited further reports from the Navy De-

partment here. intercepted the The cruiser freighter about 75 miles from the south coast port of Cienfuegos, between the Isle of Pines and Grand Cayman Island, officials of the Cuban Department of Communications Radio Bureau said. This is well

within the American neutrality belt. Distress Signal Picked Up. The distress signal from the Idarwald, picked up by Jose Arcali, a after a salvo of bombs hit drydocks. radio operator in Oriente Province, Cuba, said: "Being attacked by English warship off coast of Cuba \* \* ship sinking south of Cuba \* \* \* no time now \* \* \* leaving ship."

while the attack still was in progress There was no word from the 6.031ton German freighter Rhein, which accompanied the Idarwald in the said, struck around the military port, dash from Tampico. She once reported she was being followed by The ministry said the crew of one warships but nothing further has plane bombing Duesseldorf from been heard from her. Both left several thousand feet up "actually Tampico once previously, with two was able to see flames streaming other Nazi vessels, but turned back from the windows" of blast furafter sighting warships. One of the naces and steel works known to German ships, the Phrygia, was

#### Capital Rocked by Blasts; 9 Hospitals Are Reported Hit

BULLETIN.

LONDON (AP) .- An alarmless, raidless day for London stretched into the darkness tonight, past the usual time for night raiders to approach, and gave the capital another respite after the severe hammering which last night shattered a 44-hour lull.

the Associated Press LONDON, Dec. 9.-German air raiders concentrated the full force of a night-long assault on London last night and early today, swelling the toll of casualties and ruin in

the capital which was kept under alarm more than 12 hours. Except for a pre-dawn lull when the fog rolled in, the city was rocked by explosions and lighted by fires and shell-bursts from evening until

early morning. (Informed Germans in Berlin said the attack was the heaviest for London since last September. They said German bombers from airdromes throughout Germanheld Holland, Belgium and France joined in the ouslaught.)

It was believed the number of casualties was not heavy in proportion to the intensity of the raid, but property damage was widespread

#### Nine Hospitals Reported Hit.

was reported this morning. There were many casualties among the arrived in advance of the "toy staff and patients of one of them matinees" help give the theater which received a direct hit. One of the hospitals struck was a large gen- look that will spell Christmas for eral hospital, another was a hos- the needy youngsters of Washing-

fires flamed over a wide area, a admission to the "toy matinees," to resident said: "It seemed as if it be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. were raining incendiary bombs by the hundred. While some fires still were burn-

what one observer said were "endcrew of the German vessel had less waves." Explosions damaged a gifts of clothes and toys. attempted to scuttle her. Navy offi- Catholic church and an ambulance station. reported done to dwellings, shops and business buildings.

#### Number Feared Trapped.

East of London, near the Thames River Estuary, a number of persons were feared trapped in an air raid shelter by a bomb-hit nearby. A government communique said

bombs fell in many districts between the south and east coasts and London, along the route the bombers took to reach the capital.

The attack ended 44 hours of quiet-London's longest respite from bombings since the air siege began. tured "appeared more likely" than the Cuban report that she had been The planes in London roared over in waves and singly, dropping flares,

incendiary bombs and then high explosives. The raid was described as a mass attack-but not area bombing concentrated on any specific section of London

At times so many planes were over the city that the drone of their motors rose to a roar that could be heard above the almost incessant of the British Empire due for crash of the anti-aricraft barrage.

## Firemen Kept Busy.

The gunfire was so intense that against greater aid to Britain. waves of light pulsated across the sky almost continuously. The clouds reflected the glare of shellbursts and bomb-started fires below. The display of deadly fireworks sometimes counteracted the London blackout.

Firemen were kept busy all night long, working while the bombs still Once the raiders flew in parallel lines across the city, dropping

long rows of fire bombs. A. E. Wall, Associated Press staff member who came to London only a few weeks ago, found his taxicab suddenly ringed by sputtering in-

cendiary bombs. He and the cabby sprinted for shelter in an archway, waited while five "scream bombs" smashed down nearby, then returned to their undamaged cab and continued through streets lit like in a giant Fourth of July celebration

One of the hospitals, which was badly damaged by explosive and incendiary bombs dropped by the night (See LONDON, Page A-5.)

## Toy Shows Will Be Gay Fun And Big Help to Santa, Too

Warner Bros.' Theaters Add Yule 'Trimmings' for Star's Event

Getting ready for the boys and girls who will play Santa Claus Saturday, the 12 Warner Bros. theaters presenting "toy matinees," Nine hospitals in all were hit, it displayed today all the trimmings of Christmas. Toys and clothing which have

lobbies that Christmas look, the In one section of London where Toys will be the only ticket of

For those who cannot get to the "toy matinees" or want to leave their toys at the theater in their neighing, bombs were dropped by suc- borhood in advance of the "toy ceeding raiders who came over in matinees," all Warner Bros. theaters are serving as collection centers for

Cash gifts should be taken to The Considerable damage was Star's Christmas House at Eleventh street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. or mailed to Christmas House in care of The Star. Every one who brings a cash donation to Christmas House rings the great bell inside the house. The number of needy families (See CHRISTMAS, Page A-3.)

## 7:30 to 7:45 P.M. Tomorrow

Christmas House

If you're in the vicinity of

Christmas House, at Eleventh

street and Pennsylvania ave-

nue N.W., at any of the WMAL

broadcasting periods, stop by to

make a contribution and take

part. Representatives of or-

ganizations can arrange to ap-

pear on one of the broadcasts

by calling NAtional 5000 and

Today

asking for Christmas House.

Broadcasts

9:45 to 10 A.M.

## **Planes for Britain** Proposed by Adams At War Building

Nye Opposes Plan, Sees Morgenthau Talks as First Step to Loan

With the financial balance sheet early presentation at the Treasury Department, Capitol Hill heard a fresh series of arguments for and fense program.

This debate-unofficial but inspired-proceeded with one eye on the second meeting scheduled in the series of conversations between Secretary Morgenthau and Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British Treasury. The Treasury reported that this

By the Associated Press.

conference, scheduled last Friday for today, had been postponed to an indefinite date, but probably would be held this week. Apparently Sir Frederick has found he needs more time to prepare a balance sheet of British resources and expenses. However, Mr. Morgenthau and Sir

Frederick exchanged memoranda today. The English expert sent a note in the nature of a progress report to the Treasury and the Treasury made a reply. Sir Frederick is working at the British Embassy. The financial picture the balance

sheet discloses may determine the consideration to be accorded any future proposals involving cash or credit assistance.

On the congressional front, meanwhile, Senator Adams, Democrat of Colorado told newsmen that Britain should have at least 60 per cent of American aircraft production, instead of the prevailing 50 Ample Protection Seen.

"We have a considerable number of defense planes now," Senator Adams asserted. "We have enough to protect us against any immediate attack. "As long as England has planes

Hitler is not going to try to attack the United States. Senator Nye, Republican, of North Dakota retorted that an increased allotment of aircraft to Great Britain "would jeopardize our de-

"I was afraid," said Senator Nye, "that when the 50-50 allotment was agreed upon we ultimately would be increasing Great Britain's share, even to giving them all our new Senator Nye, a leader of the group

(See BRITISH AID, Page A-4.) Mild Weather Is Due

#### To Continue in Capital Continued mild weather is in store for Washington, the Weather Bureau

indicated today. A high of at least and warmer weather tomorrow was

# 75 Carpenters Strike Halting Inside Work

80 Laborers Also Affected By Walkout at New \$4,500,000 Structure

considered vital in the national de- for Willkie.

The walkout came on the heels of a statement issued through the was subpoenaed for Thursday. Oth-National Defense Labor Policy Committee, in which representatives of all branches of organized labor declared labor pledged "itself to take no action which may in any way impede production before all conciliation facilities of the Federal Government for resolving any existing controversy have been exhausted.

Union Dispute Charged.

Spokesmen for the John McShain Co., building contracting firm in charge of the construction project. said the strike climaxed a dispute between the carpenters' union and the wood and metal lathers, both affiliates of the American Federation of Labor, over the erection of backing for metal bases in the interior of the building.

Five lathers were doing this work, t was said, but as a result of the carpenters' strike, 80 laborers Concord, N. H., State advisory chair-(See STRIKE, Page A-13.)

## John L. Lewis Called **Before Grand Jury Probing Election**

## Leaders Subpoenaed By Investigators

Seventy-five carpenters went on Co., and treasurer of the Willkie-

the Independents for Roosevelt; Vance McCormick, Harrisburg, Pa., advisory chairman, Democrats for

Willkie

# Twenty More Political

campaign went out today to bring

The list was made public by As- unit. sistant United States Attorney The order was upheld by the is supervising the investigation of possible violations of the Hatch and Corrupt Practices Acts.

Subpoenaed for Wednesday are: Samuel Pettengill, chairman of the National Committee to Uphold Con-Government; Henry Chapin of Philadelphia, treasurer Committee of Independent Voters for Roosevelt and Wallace; William H. Settle of Keystone, Ind., Pittsburgh, treasurer of the National Committee of Democrats for Willrector of the Democrats for Willkie; as their bargaining representative. Langbourne Williams, former treasurer, Democrats for Willkie: Ord Preston, president of the Union Trust Co here and former president of the Washington Gas Light had an identity of interest

dell L. Willkie for the presidency, zation. ers included Robert O. Bonnell of Baltimore, Robert E. Smith, New York City, assistant treasurer of the Peoples Committee to Defend Life Insurance and Savings; O. L. Garrison, controller of Labor's Non-Partisan League; James H. Morris of New York City, connected with

Slated to appear before the grand jury Friday are: Stanley Resor, New York City, treasurer United Republican Finance Committee of Metropolitan New York: Arnold Petterson, New York City, secretary National Executive Committee, National Socialist-Labor party; Alexander Trachtenberg, treasurer National Election Campaign, Communist party: Miss Ernestine Haig, New York City; James H. Causey, New York City, and William N. Rogers,

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## **Supreme Court** To Review Labor **Bargaining Case**

#### Order Naming C. I. O. Agent Over Workers' Opposition Involved

By J. A. FOX.

tional Labor Relations Board itself had divided sharply, the Supreme Court today agreed to review a challenged board ruling which installed a C. I. O. union as the collective bargaining agent in one of the flat glass plants of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. over the opposition of more than 80 per cent of the work-

litigation growing out of the battle over control of prices charged for music played for public entertainment in the granting of a review sought by Nebraska officials of a decision that invalidated a State anti-monopoly law which permitted public playing of music on payment of the original purchase price

Returning after a two-week recess the court today disposed of more than 12 cases by decision. But it contempt cases coming from Cali-Los Angeles Times was convicted of contempt for discussing editorially the court cases which had not finally been disposed of; in the other Harry Bridges, West Coast C. I. O. leader, was convicted for attacking publicly a court decision in a labo

#### Order Attacked by Company.

The Labor Board order on which the Supreme Court granted review was attacked by the Pittsburgh Additional subpoenas for persons Plate Glass Co., and the Crystal prominent in the recent presidential City Glass Workers Union, an independent organization of employes because it required the plant at about 20 political leaders before a Chrystal City, Mo., to accept represpecial District grand jury the latter sentation by the Federation of Flat part of the week. These include Glass Workers of America on the John L. Lewis, former C. I. O. leader sole ground that five other plants operated by the company for the and head of Labor's Non-Partisan manufacture of flat glass had been League, as well as Communist and organized by the C. I. O. and that consequently the six plants constituted an appropriate bargaining

William S. Tarver acting on behalf Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and of Special Assistant to the Attorney the appeal to the Supreme Court followed. The case was decided by the Labor Board in September a year ago after a lengthy battle and a vigorous dissent was rendered by Board Member William M. Leiserson when his associates, former Chairman J. Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith, ruled that the six plants, located in five States, should be lumped together for bargaining

purposes. "This does not seem to be espe cially different from the denial of chairman of the National Commit- free choice of representatives in tee of Agriculture; Robert G. Allen, cases where employers impose labor organizations on their employes. he emphasized in pointing out that kie; Allan Valentine, president of 1.500 to 1.800 employes at Crystal Rochester University, executive di- City chose the independent union

> The majority of the board held that the employes of the six plants

The court fight started two years strike today at the new War De- McNary Campaign Club of Wash- ago when the Labor Board alleged partment Building, 2201 New York ington, D. C.; Edgar Allan Poe, that the independent union was a avenue N.W., virtually paralyzing Baltimore, Md., attorney, State ad- "company union" and finally work on the interior of the structure, visory chairman of the Democrats brought about an agreement under which the company withdrew recog-Mr. Lewis, who supported Wen- nition and support from the organi-

The company, however, while bar-

gaining with the C. I. O. on work-

ing conditions in other plants, refused to bring the Crystal City establishment within the scope of the negotiations, and the independent union likewise continued to demand the right to speak for the workers of Crystal City As a result charges of unfair labor

practices were filed against the company and it is upon this that the

court will now pass. In the Nebraska case a threejudge Federal Court held that the tional copyright law by depriving sell or withhold from sale as he may choose. The legislation was challenged by the American Society of Composers. Authors and Publishers -"A. S. C. A. P."-which controls the copyrights on practically 90 per cent of the music played in this country. "A. S. C. A. P.," which is now engaged in a music price war with the National Association of Broadcasters, contended it was entitled to extra payments for music played publicly.

## Mountain Climber Killed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (AP).-A rope snapped and Mrs. Edith Giyer, 24-year-old amateur mountain climber, pitched 200 feet off a big Tujuna Canyon cliff yesterday to her death. Her husband, Cecil, was cut and bruised in a 30-foot drop.

#### Harrison Will Speak On Alien Registration In Radio Forum

The purpose of the Alien Registration Act and the necessity for all non-citizens to comply with it by registering through their local post offices before December 26 will be discussed by Earl G. Harrison. director of alien registration. on the National Radio Forum tonight at 10:30 o'clock.

His address, to be heard locally over WMAL and broadcast on a Nation-wide N. B. C. network, will be Mr. Harrison's last official radio statement to the comparatively few aliens who have not yet registered. The forum is sponsored weekly by The Star and the National

## manufacture railroad and shipping scuttled. London's Night Transformed It pictured three large fires and Into Day by Raid's Red Glare

Rain of Nazi Fire in Heavy Attack Reminds of July 4th Celebration

By ROBERT J. CASEY,

Chicago Daily News Foreign Correspondent. LONDON, Dec. 9.-Admittedly it was the worst raid in three weeks. Some day an uncensored historian may tell something about it. In the meantime-

The blitz began in the gloaming and went on all through the night—the routine night of terror to which London has become so thoroughly accustomed. There was no new technique about it—nothing to make it stand out among a long list of attacks on civilians save that it marked the end of a brief period during which the populace got some sleep and the morgues were reasonably

nous basketry of searchlights. And old iron were confined to any pardowned in the Western Reich, where the ack-ack (anti-aircraft) barked ticular district. continuously for hours on end-not isolated batteries of it, but hundreds this morning, the raid—so far as of guns all across the town and in the death list is concerned—was not kerque, Calais and Boulogne and the far reaches of the Thames Estu-Incendiary bursts studded the

The bombers came over, squadron rained down into the streets, as they after squadron. The sky was bright had not rained for many days. tacks. (From Berlin it was reported with flares, weaving through a lumi- Neither the bombs nor the storms of Judging from unofficial estimates

very successful. But the Germans which local jonrnals seem to rely seen during the war was reported horizon at intervals, like fiery flower for information) appeared satisfied. forecast.

(according to Berlin reports on 46 degrees today followed by fair

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British capital last night. Larry Lesueur, C. B. S. corre-

wrecked by bombs, he said. correspondent, said in his regular

months doing nothing in the middle of the desert.